under the provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, from the Secretary, Thriumuruga Kirupananda Variyar Thavathiru Sundara Swamigal Medical Educational and Charitable Trust, Salem on 13-9-1995 for establishment of a new medical college in the name of Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College at Salem. The Government, on the recommendations of the Medical Council of India, accorded permission for the establishment of above college on 4-3-1996 from the academic year 1995-96.

Supply of medicines for four months at one time to chronic CGHS patients

2517. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission has recommended that the CGHS beneficiary chronic patients, suffering from diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure, heart trouble, etc., ought to be issued the prescribed medicines for months at one time;

(b) whether Government are implementing/purpose to implement this recommendation in the interest of both the beneficiaries as well as the CGHS dispensary staff, particularly in Delhi; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Fifth Central Pay Commission has recommended that the CGHS should supply medicines for atleast 3 months at a time to patients suffering from chronic disease. This recommendation is under consideration of Government.

Amendment of the prevention of food adulteration Act

2518. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act has been amended suitably to provide for exemplary punishment to the violators of the Act, keeping in view the rampant adulteration in milk and eatables; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 has been amended three times in the past in order to plug the loopholes observed from time to time. The existing penal provisions contained in the said Act include imprisonment for life with a minimum fine of rupees five thousand depending upon the gravity of the offence. The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 already prohibit sale of milk or milk products containing extraneous/foreign substance. The Food Health Authorities of States/UTs have been asked to keep a vigil on quality of milk and eatables.

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation policy for SCs/STs in Dr. R. P. Unit of AIIMS

2519. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation policy for SCs/STs has been followed in Dr. R. P. Unit of AIIMS, New Delhi for the post of Senior Residents on *ad-hoc* basis from July, 1994 to June, 1997; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) how many SC/ST candidates have secured more marks than general category candidates in written tests and have been pushed back in the interview;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken/is proposed to be taken by Government against the guilty officials and to check